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1. POST WOULD RECOMMEND SEVERAL REFERENCES ON WEST AFRICAN/
SENEGAL FISHERIES IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED REFTEL:

A. "A REVIEW OF THE TRADE IN FISH TRANSPORTED BY AIR FROM
SELECTED AFRICAN COUNTRIES." (MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, LIBERIA,
GHANA, MALI), MARCH 1977, ICAO, 96 PAGES.

B. "VE PLAN DEVELOPPEMENT ECONOMIQUE ET SOCIAL, "PECHE."
JUNE 1977, 31 PAGES. (POUCHED TO USDOC/OFCS 8/22/78).

C. DAKAR 4315, JUNE 23, 1977. "PLANNING FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING
TRADE MISSION." 3 PAGES.

D. "REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE COMMERCIAL
EXPLOITATION OF SHRIMP - MAURITANIA TO LIBERIA," JULY 1977,
UNDP/FAO, 85 PAGES.

E. "THE SENEGALESE LOBSTER FISHERY", AUGUST 11, 1977,
NOAA, 6 PAGES.

F. "THE NORTHWEST AFRICAN FISHERY: PROBLEMS OF MANAGEMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT", FEBRUARY 1, 1978. UNDP/FAP, 43
PAGES.

G. "SENEGAL'S FISHERIES: CONTINUED STAGNATION IN 1977,"
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DAKAR A-24, MAY 26, 1978, 3 PAGES.

H. "RESULTATS GENERAUX DE LA PECHE MARITIME SENEGALAISE-
1977," JUNE 1978, 53 PAGES. (POUCHED TO USDOC/OFCS, 8/22/78).

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSES KEYED TO PARAGRAPH 2, REFTEL. (1)
SENEGAL'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 1977-81 CALLS FOR 11.8
PERCENT ANNUAL INCREASE IN FISHING PRODUCTION. TARGET

CATCH FOR 1981 IS 596,000 TONS. TOTAL INVESTMENT IN FISHING SECTOR OVER PERIOD PROJECTED AT CFA 28.3 BILLION (\$128-MILLION), OVER HALF OF WHICH IS COMMITTED BY VARIOUS FINANCING SOURCES. IN MODERN FISHING SECTOR ABOUT \$12 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON IMPROVING FISHING WHARVES AT ST. LOUIS, DJIFER, AND ELINKINE. FINANCING FOR 60 PERCENT OF TOTAL WILL BE PROVIDED BY KUWAIT AND POLAND. NOT INCLUDED IN FIGURES IS LARGE FISHING PORT TO BE BUILT AT DAKAR HARBOR (SEE DAKAR 3739). PROJECT ALREADY HAS PLEDGES OF \$19 MILLION IN FOREIGN FINANCING. PLAN PROJECTS ANOTHER \$70MILLION EXPENDITURE ON FISHING BOATS. POLAND IS SUPPLYING ABOUT 1/3 OF THIS SUM. THIS PORTION WILL BE TIED TO PURCHASE OF POLISH VESSELS. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT GOS IS SEEKING ACCESSORIES OF U.S. MANUFACTURE FOR POLISH TRAWLERS IN CURRENT INVENTORY. ANOTHER \$12 MILLION IS RESERVED FOR PROCESSING FACILITIES.

(2) OF FOREGOING PLANNED INVESTMENT ONLY ABOUT \$3 MILLION IS TAGGED AS PRIVATE SENEGALESE CAPITAL. EMBASSY FEELS POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR MUCH LARGER PRIVATE SENEGALESE PARTICIPATION. GOS ROLE IN FISHING SECTOR IS CURRENTLY LIMITED TO OWNERSHIP OF THREE U.S. MADE TUNA BOATS. STATE-OWNED FISHING COMPANY SOSAP FAILED IN 1976 (SEE DAKAR 5148, 1976) AND GOS HAS YET TO LIQUIDATE ASSETS. RUMOR IS NEW STATE COMPANY WILL BE CREATED IN NEAR FUTURE.

(3) WE FEEL MOST LUCRATIVE SALES CATEGORY IS FISHING BOATS.
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PRESENT "MODERN" FLEET IS IN SHAMBLES. SOSAP'S RUSSIAN-MADE TRAWLERS HAVE LONG SINCE STOPPED RUNNING. REMAINDER OF FLEET IS IN POOR REPAIR. WELL OVER TWO-THIRDS OF SENEGAL'S TOTAL PRODUCTION IS STILL CAUGHT BY TRADITIONAL FISHERMEN USING MOTORIZED PIROGUES. SENEGALESE NAVY MAY BE INTERESTED IN PATROL BOATS AS WELL. ONLY ONE CRAFT CURRENTLY PATROLS SENEGAL'S ENTIRE 200 MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS. (SEE DAKAR 5422) SHIPBOARD EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS GEAR, AND FREEZING EQUIPMENT ALSO HAVE GOOD SALES POTENTIAL. (4) OVERVIEW OF FISHING SITUATION PROVIDED IN DAKAR A-24, MAY 26, 1978.

3. MAY, 1979, IS TENTATIVE DATE FOR DAKAR SEGMENT OF PROPOSED OPIC WEST AFRICAN INVESTMENT MISSION. POST WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE WEEK BETWEEN EVENTS TO DO JUSTICE TO BOTH.
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